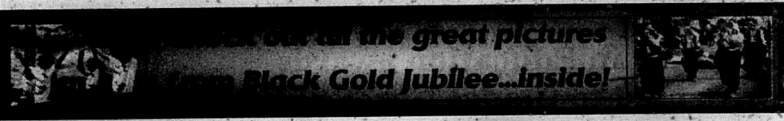




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Umbrellas weren't needed at Jubilee 2000



The Bellamy Brothers were a big hit with the crowd at the 2000 Black Gold Jubilee Festival on Saturday. The Jubilee committee presented the brothers with gift baskets before their performance at 8 p.m. Shown, from left are Committee Chair Carl Seibert, Greadle York, Howard and David Bellamy, Maria Busbee and Melissa Tucker.

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Many folks brought an umbrella to Saturday's annual Black Gold Jubilee, but they needn't have bothered. Rain threatened, but never appeared the entire day.

"God shined down on us," says Jubilee Chair Carl Seibert. "It was amazing. It rained all around us, but I never saw or felt one drop the entire day."

Crowds were estimated at over 5,000 by Chief of Police Michael Miller, who said that may be a low estimate, considering the layout of this year's festivities.

Most of the food booth vendors said they sold out before the end of the day. The single ice cream vendor said she felt it was the best crowd ever.

Mr. Seibert said he estimates over 1,800 people stayed to watch the Bellamy Brothers concert at 8 p.m. and the fireworks after dark.

For complete coverage of the 5K Walk/Run, parade, arts and crafts, entertainment and much more, see inside.



THE 2000 HARVEST QUEEN is Heather Elizabeth Rice, daughter of Rhonda Groves and Stephen Rice. Heather was crowned Rhonda, April 15 at the annual pageant, sponsored by the Belle Glade Lions Club and Palm Beach Community College at Belle Glade. Her sponsor was Glades Funeral Chapel of Belle Glade.

Dead man discovered in submerged car

By Tracy Whirls
Associate Editor

The Florida Highway Patrol is investigating the cause of a single vehicle accident on SR 80 in which a Jensen Beach man died. The decomposed body of Albert Ohralik, 78, of Jensen Beach was recovered from his 1999 Chevrolet Geo Tuesday after the vehicle, which was submerged in a

canal on SR 80 was spotted and reported "by farm" workers working in an adjacent field. The date and time of the accident is unknown, although the vehicle had reportedly been in the canal long enough for algae to have grown on the car's windows.

According to FHP homicide investigator Cpl. Eula M. Brown, the medical examiner's office will conduct an autopsy

to try to determine the cause and time of death.

Cpl. Brown said when she notified the victim's 52-year-old brother, who also lives in Jensen Beach, he indicated that Mr. Ohralik could have been returning from visiting friends in Naples when the accident occurred, but couldn't give authorities a date when he had last seen his brother.

Pahokee welcome sign sparks controversy

By Tracy Whirls

A dispute over a sign to be erected over the entrance to the Pahokee Marina and Campground prompted an exchange between Pahokee Commissioner Keith Babb and Mayor Alvis Davis at last

Tuesday's regular commission meeting.

At the end of the meeting when the agenda sets aside time for commissioners to make reports, address correspondence or raise concerns, Commissioner Babb

expressed concern that Mayor Davis had moved forward with the sign project, receiving delivery of the completed sign, without first seeking the commission's approval for a conceptual design.

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Police witness crack cocaine buy, arrest two

By Brenda Bunting

An alert police detective who witnessed a drug transaction on April 12 was able to help make an arrest of two Belle Glade residents.

Det. James Benedict of the Belle Glade Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division was in the 400 block of Southwest Avenue C that Tuesday evening when he saw a woman, later identified as Gloria Akins, stop her 1983 Buick sedan.

He said he saw a man, later identified as Harry Salter, approach Akins' car. Det. Benedict said Akins handed Salter a \$20 bill and in

exchange, Salter handed Akins two small plastic baggies.

Det. Benedict said he followed and stopped Akins' car about five blocks later and discovered the two baggies containing 2.2 grams of crack cocaine.

Akins, 29, was arrested and taken to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office West Detention Facility under \$3,000 bond.

Det. Benedict and other officers located Salter in the 400 block of SW Avenue C and with the assistance of Belle Glade Police K-9 Officer John Owens and Officer Michael Woodslee, Salter was appre-

hended without incident.

Police say that during a search, over 100 pieces of crack cocaine were found in Salter's possession. The seized cocaine weighed over 35 grams and a street value in excess of \$1,500.

Salter was arrested on charges of sale of cocaine, possession of cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to sell and resisting an officer without violence. He was taken to the West Detention Facility under \$5,000 bond.

If convicted, both Salter and Akins may lose their driver's licenses under a new Florida law which penalizes drug offenders.

TIP program battles truancy in the Glades

By Tracy Whirls

The Truancy Interdiction Program (TIP) is a partnership between local law enforcement agencies, the Department of Juvenile Justice, The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and Palm Beach County School District designed to place students who skip school back in school with the goal of reducing truancy, crime and juvenile delinquency.

Mary Vreeland, manager of the Palm Beach County TIP program told members of the

Pahokee City Commission at their regular meeting March 28, the program works when community members notify local law enforcement agencies if they observe a student off campus between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The child is then picked up by a law enforcement officer and delivered to the TIP Center at the Belle Glade Police Department at 40 W. Canal Street, Belle Glade. The student's parent or guardian is contacted and must come to the Center and take custody of the

child. Failure to take custody will result in notification to the State Attorney's Office of non-compliance with Florida Statute 232.19, which indicates that a parent is responsible for the child's school attendance. A parent who refuses or fails to have a child who is under his or her control attend school regularly, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree punishable as provided by law. A second degree misdemeanor is punishable by

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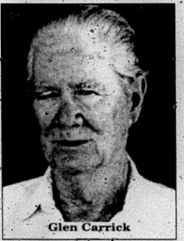
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Pahokee City Commission candidates, Group II

The following candidates are running for office in Pahokee in Group II. We had them fill out identical candidate profiles so readers could learn more about them and where they stand on the issues. We featured Group I last week. Next week we will feature the candidates in Group III.

Name: Glen Carrick
Age: 72
Where were you born? Hillsboro, Tenn.
Education: Grammar school and two years night school
Employment background: Owner of Glen's Southern Oil, 198 S. Lake Avenue, Pahokee

for 33 years:
What is currently your primary source of income? Glen's Southern Oil
How long have you lived in Pahokee? 35 years
If you weren't born here, why did you move to Pahokee? My wife Ann and I stopped at the Ford Dealership here in Pahokee for service on our car. They needed a Service Manager, so I was hired and we stayed.
What clubs and organizations do you belong to? None.
Did you ever serve in the U.S. military? No.
Family information: Married



Glen Carrick

to Annie.
What motivated you to run for the office you seek? I love this town, but after seeing it

decline for 30 years and having tried to help City Hall from the outside and being ignored last most citizens, I decided to run again. I now have the time to devote to the city full time.

Why, in your opinion, are you the best candidate for this office? I have the desire and the time to serve as a full-time Commissioner, something this town has not had for 13 years or more.

What would you like to change about Pahokee, and how do you propose to enact such change? If our city leaders had been truly listening to the people of Pahokee they would have

realized that we want clean streets, safe streets and land to build new homes. Our police

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Pete Moore

Partners in Education awards presented to Glades Gas, PBCSO

Over 400 business people, community leaders and educators attended the Superintendent's Partners in Education Awards Ceremony 2000 at the Sheraton Hotel last Tuesday in West Palm Beach.

The event, hosted by the school district's Department of Communications and Community Development, was a celebration and recognition of the effective and meaningful partnerships that business and community organizations have with local public schools.

The ceremony gave educators the opportunity to thank the business community for significant contributions to education. It was also a chance for business people to see the magnitude of the Partners in Education program.

Twenty awards were presented to businesses and community leaders for their commitment, effectiveness and innovation in bringing about positive change to schools.

The winning businesses provide mentors and tutors and job shadowing opportunities. They display

student art at their workplaces and help students become better actors.

"We appreciate all that our business partners do to enhance education and increase academic achievement," said Bruce Thomson, Partnerships Coordinator for the school district.

The Superintendent's Partners in Education Awards recognize partnerships in nine categories. These partnerships have shown the most commitment, effectiveness and innovation in bringing about positive change in Palm Beach County schools.

Small business: Winner, Glades Gas and Electric Corp.; Honorable mention, Republic Bank.

Medium-sized business: Winner, Boca Raton News; Honorable mention, Lennar Homes; Second Honorable Mention, Public Store #638.

Large Business: Winner, MBNA Marketing Systems, Inc.; Honorable mention, BellSouth.

Business Association: Winner, Northern Palm Beaches Chamber

of Commerce; Honorable Mention, Women's Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County.

Health Services: Winner, Jupiter Medical Center; Honorable mention, Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center.

Hospitality/Tourism: Winner, McDonalds/Booth Partnership; Honorable mention, Boca Raton Marriott.

Non-Profit: Winner, Executive Board of Girls II Women/Women's Forum; Honorable mention, Westside West Palm Beach Kiwanis Club.

Community leader: Winner, David M. Luffman; Honorable mention, M. J. Mike Arts.

Public sector: Winner, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office; Sheriff Robert W. Neumann; Honorable mention, City of Riviera Beach.

In addition, an Exemplary Business Partner Award went to Boca Raton's promise: The Alliance For Youth. This award exemplifies what is meant by educational partnerships, in terms of commitment to education.

Cat Talk

from Gove Elementary



Glades Gas and Electric Corp. receives special award

During a recent ceremony at the Sheraton in West Palm Beach, Glades Gas and Electric Corporation, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McCarthy, received the prestigious "Superintendent's Partners in Education Award." This award is given annually to recognize businesses that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to education. Glades Gas has established a very successful partnership with our school. They have donated time, money and support to the students of Gove Elementary School.

Mrs. McCarthy is a voting member of the School Advisory Council and president of the Parent/Teacher Organization. She has also been the backbone of many school-related functions. She has organized numerous fund-raisers, has served as room mother and has chaperoned numerous field trips. This year she started the "Uniform Recycling Project" so that parents may have the opportunity to exchange uniforms their children have outgrown. Mr. McCarthy has also been very active in our school During "Career Day," he serves as a speaker, making a positive connection between the school and the business community.

Glades Gas has shown their pride in our students by displaying their art work in the windows of their business. They have provided paint and supplies throughout the school year so the students can have an opportunity to express their talents and creativity. When the Safety Patrol needed money for their annual trip to Washington, D.C., Glades Gas donated items for the students to use in their fund-raising effort. This year, they provided their employees with release-time so they could also volunteer at our school.

Glades Gas is certainly committed to education. We commend them for their untiring efforts in making our school a better place for our students. On behalf of the Gove family, we congratulate Glades Gas and Electric Corporation for receiving the prestigious "Superintendent's Partners in Education Award."

Volunteers of the Month

Congratulations to the following volunteers for being selected as "The Volunteers" for the month of March: Maria Ceniceros (32 1/2 hrs.), Robert Wheelahan (14 3/4 hrs.), Karen McCarthy (29 hrs.), Sandra Mendoza (12 3/4 hrs.), Lucy Mobley (9 1/4 hrs.), Maria Quintao (17 1/2 hrs.) and Carmen Vargas (10 hrs.). Again, thanks for all that you do for Gove Elementary.

Glades Area Retarded Citizens drawing

Dawn Ford was the winner of the GAARC's computer drawing at Saturday's Black Gold Jubilee. Dawn has a Compaq Presario Laptop computer with 400 Mhz, 32 Mb ram and preloaded software. She also won with the same ticket the Hewlett Packard Digital camera and Compaq color printer.

Second prize of a Treasure Chest was won by Lynda Moss of Pahokee.

Lynda won a famed "Fina" original art, a doll by Greadle York, six gold rimmed charger/china serving plates, Simpler copper bottom tea pot with two cups and saucer set, two fishing rods, a silver shell necklace, a Snow River walnut rimmed salad bowl, a meat grilling cookbook and a linen tablecloth.

Over 1,500 tickets were sold, raising over \$6,000, to benefit GAARC programs. GAARC President Donia Roberts expressed her appreciation to the community for their support.

Parade winners

Winners in the 2000 Black Gold Jubilee Parade are as follows:

- Best Business Entry - Bank of Belle Glade
- Best Group or Organization - Florida Flywheelers
- Best Performing Entry - Gove Elementary's Steel Drum Band
- Best Marching Entry - The Eagle Academy
- Best Theme Entry - First Community Bank
- Best Decorated Boat or Buggy - Brandon Langenwalter
- Best Musical Entry - Gove Elementary's Baton Group
- Parade Committee Award - Amara Shrine Temple

Photography Contest winners

Winners in the 2000 Black Gold Photography Contest are as follows:

Landscape/Still Life: First place: Greadle York with "Be Still and Know That I am God"

Second Place: J.A. Blackwelder for "Misty Morning"

Third Place: Greadle York for "Sunrise 2000"

Nature - First place: Deborah Welch for "The Easter Egg Bird"

Second Place: Deborah Welch for "Snuggly Soft Murray"

Third Place: Jean Ferguson for "Different and Alike"

Character - First place: Deborah Welch for "Sheriff Brian Dulany"

Second Place: Jean Ferguson for "Getting Along"

Third place: Jean Ferguson for "My Peace"

Correction: In last week's edition of *The Sun* we misidentified a picture in the Children's Fishing Contest. Vanessa Osajo, who had the smallest fish in Division I, was not shown in the photo. The photo in Division I was Patricia Tristan, who won for smallest fish in the Toddler Division.

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In recognition of the "Week of the Young Child," Wee Care Child Development Center held a "Tell Me a Story Day" on Tuesday, April 11. Volunteers from the community came in and read or recited stories to the children. The volunteers were Vice Mayor Bill Mathis, Lieutenant Curtis Stambaugh, McGruff the Crime Dog, Commissioner Mary Wilkerson, Rev. David Day and his doll Eva. Each volunteer received a certificate of appreciation and a bookmark commemorating this day inscribed, "Something is learned every time a book is opened." The volunteers were greeted by Mae Campbell, the Interim Director.

West Tech student wins first place

Congratulations to Christopher Buonpastore for winning first place in the Decorative Centerpiece proficiency event competition at the Florida Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCCLA) State Leadership Conference in Orlando

on March 23-25. Chris also placed first at the District IX FCCCLA competition in Pompano Beach on Feb. 25, allowing him to advance to state competition. Johnson and Wales University, Miami, awarded Chris a \$1,000 scholarship, renew-

able for four years. Chris is a food Production and Services student in Mrs. Joyce Giffin's class at West Technical Education Center and a junior at Royal Palm Beach High School.

Lake Shore Middle Honor Roll announced

Lake Shore Middle School Honor Roll for the third nine weeks includes:

Sixth grade-All As-Johnny Posey, All As and Bs-Sonia Barajas, Jessica Boone, Maria Bravo, Carconia Beyer, Latariel Dennard, Demarcus Dixon, Tomisha Duhat, Vanessa Freeman, Tresha Graham, Priscilla Gutierrez, Evelyn Hernandez, Lasandra Highsmith, Travante Jedy, Michael Key, Cristobal Knuckles, Michaela Laborde, Fedener Leneus, Tanya Lopez, Morte Mann, Jeffrey Medina, Joquin Mojica, Armandie Morman, Arisbet Paniagua, Abigail Payne, Merana Samuel, Mercedes Taylor, Hoover Tolbert, and Jazman Wesson.

Seventh grade-All As: Jamie Evans, Danielle Griffin, Bibiana Jaimez, Shaonda O'Neal; **As and Bs:** Cristobal Acosta, Giovanni Amecquita, Ossie Battle, Gabriela Cardenas, Frekeshia Davis, Joe Donaldson, Britney Dukes, Mikilya Ferguson, Khadeira Fletcher, Shakeria Hamilton, Amalia Jaimes, Lyshanna

Jernigan, Josiah Johnson, Latoya Johnson, Marquis Jones, Fabiola Joseph, Soila Konchellah, Rickia Mann, Matthew Martinez, Roikeisha Moore, Javonte Motley, Alex Octobre, Malika Paul, Shatoya Pettway, Glenroy Scott, Antoninette Smith, Jimmishia Smith, Zacari Thomas, Felicia Turner, Patrick West, Roderick Wilkerson and Khevis Williamson.

Eighth grade-All As: Samuel Cesaire, Melinda Comrie, John Destin, Albert Dukes, Francis Flores, Latoya Gayle, Rikeyscha Godfrey, Norma Monivaais, Raul Ramirez, Joyce Rhoden, Quithisa Sanford, Erica Thomas and Chiquitia Thornton. **All As and Bs:** Jackie Ashley, Wesley Baron, Eddie Blackmon, Dacian Benjamin, Yvenel Benoit, Felicia Bryan, Johnnie Bryant, Kinard Caray, Rovetta Clark, Glennisha Collier, Elizabeth

Dejesus, James Etienne, Iontay Finney, Lorena Gayton, Claudia Gonzalez, Christina Granville, Lawrence Griffin, Gentry Harrison, Christopher Hayward, Mary Hodges, Shavon Jenkins, Ransford Jones, Cindy Joseph, Derek Key, Nicole King, Sandy Laborde, Antion Lawrence, Jean Lestage, Juan Lopez, Gelin Lugate, Jeanette Mata, Brandon Matthews, Alvineka Mayes, Herkena McCoy, Maria Mojica, Trevonna Moodie, Charles Moore, Latashia Pearson, Feleish Peterson, Miracle Peterson, Rosamitar Pettihomme, Mackenson Pierre, Shakera Putmon, Estrellita Rendoers, Cristobal Rivera, Almehsa Roy, Chales Shannon, Demetria Singletary, Jokeirra Sneed, Madlyne StFort, Chiquitia Thornton, Ketya Ulysse, Timothy Vaughn, Damian Warren, Kizzie Wells, Tiffany Williams and Venisha Williams.

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Research often shows that mom's advice was right on



Katrina Elakin
Contributing Editor

I often think they could save a lot of research money if they would just ask their mothers for advice. For example, a recent study showed that children eat more nutritious meals when they eat with their parents than when the same kids eat by them-

selves. That took research? Did someone actually think the average child comes home from school to find an empty house and mixes up a nice fresh salad to snack on?

Still, some research is interesting. For example, Dr. Michael Roizen, author of *Real Age: Are you as young as you can be?*, has come up with a list of healthy habits, that according to his research, can help the average person live longer. They include:

- * Eat breakfast every day. (He could have just asked the nearest mom for that tip.) Eating breakfast helps boost the metabolism and also helps reduce the chance you will

overeat later in the day.

- * Sleep at least 7 or 8 hours a night. Again, this is not surprising.

According to Dr. Roizen, the body secretes human growth hormone while you sleep. This hormone helps the body burn fat efficiently. Sleep also allows the brain to do so some mental "housekeeping," necessary for proper brain function. Some people actually need more sleep than others.

- * If you are always tired when you wake up, you may not be sleeping enough. Try going to bed earlier and see if it makes any difference.

- * Wear sunscreen every day. This tip is essential for those

who live in Florida. Many moisturizers have sunscreen built in. You need a sunscreen with a SPF rating of at least 15. Overexposure to the sun causes the skin to wrinkle and can lead to skin cancer.

- * Brush and floss your teeth three times a day. According to Dr. Roizen, bacteria from the teeth can harm your heart. Brushing and flossing (plus regular dental checkups) can reduce the chance you'll develop gum disease.

- * Make time for your friends. Friendships help reduce stress. Stress is bad for your body.

- * Exercise every day. Exercise helps lower your "bad" cho-

lesterol rate. It also helps the body maintain a regular and healthy metabolism. For best effects, your exercise plan should include both aerobic exercise and strength building exercise.

- * Get a pet. Pets have a good effect on people. They help reduce stress and can actually lower your blood pressure. The doctor's research shows that dogs seem to be most effective in this respect, but all pets are beneficial.

- * Don't smoke. Cigarette smoking increases your "bad" cholesterol level. Smoking also ages the lungs and the heart. The good news is that if you do

smoke and have not yet developed lung cancer, you can quit now and your body may be able to reverse most of the damage.

- * Laugh a lot. Laughter really can be the best medicine, as the saying goes. Laughter helps relieve stress and boosts the immune system.

For more on Dr. Roizen's research, check your local library for his book.

Before making any change in your diet or exercise plan, check with your doctor. This is especially important if you are on any prescription medications. Some drugs interact badly with foods that would otherwise be considered healthy.

ER Chronicles: I Thought You Just Had a Tooth Infection



Arlen R. Stauffer, MD

lower jaw as he looked into the bathroom mirror. Biff, his wife of four years, didn't seem to be paying attention as she brushed her hair and muttered an unintelligible sound. She was really focused on that mirror in front of her.

"It's actually worse than it was yesterday," BJ continued as he tried peering at some of his teeth with a flashlight.

"Uh-huh," Biff wiped some powder onto her cheeks.

They had an important dinner date with a prospective client, and BJ decided to put this little tooth annoyance out of his mind for now. He'd deal with it tomorrow.

Before daybreak the next

morning, this annoyance could not be ignored.

The sun was coming up over the trees as BJ drove toward Ocean's Hospital. He noticed that his speech did not sound normal this morning, since his mouth felt like it was filled up with his tongue. He'd grown a second tongue overnight? As he turned into the ER parking garage, he stroked the tender, puffy area under his chin.

"Must have started a tooth abscess," BJ reasoned to himself as he walked into the ER waiting area. But then, he'd had tooth abscesses before this, and they never actually felt like this.

Within the next 25 minutes, the ER triage nurse had obtained BJ's history and temperature, and had placed him in an ER bed to await the emergency physician. Since it was early in the morning, BJ had, literally, "beat the crowd," and Dr. Tammy Cortez appeared in his room within minutes.

"Hi, BJ, I'm Dr. Cortez," she

said as she extended a hand toward her patient. "When did this problem start?"

"Well, it was just a little toothache on Tuesday," BJ replied with his thick-tongued slur.

"You have a bit of a fever now," BJ. Cortez was peaking with a light into his ears now. "When did this swelling start?" She asked as she touched under his chin and on down the front of his neck.

"Just last night, I think," BJ didn't like the concerned look on the physician's face.

Cortez tried to look into BJ's mouth and throat with a tongue depressor blade, but the downward pressure of the stick on the floor of BJ's mouth was quite painful.

"That's smart, Doc," he said.

After listening to BJ's lung sounds with her stethoscope, Cortez stepped back. At that moment, BJ spotted Biff outside his room, and motioned for her to come in. She was smiling, and her eyes were wander-

ing around the small room's walls, but she was at the foot of BJ's stretcher when Cortez delivered the news.

"BJ, this is a serious infection," she said as she glanced back toward Biff. Cortez waited for a moment before continuing.

"The infection from under one of your teeth has spread down into the area under your tongue and down into your neck."

"It can do that?" Biff wondered aloud. It was the same question that BJ was thinking but had not verbalized. Biff wrinkled her brow; this was just not making any sense.

"Sometimes, yes," Cortez was pointing out the obvious swelling below BJ's chin, and explained that the swelling under his tongue was the reason he seemed to be having trouble talking this morning.

"Wow!" Biff marveled, "I didn't know it could do that!" BJ, being the more practical one of the pair, asked the more direct question.

"How do we get this cleared up, Doc?"

"It probably will need surgery, BJ."

BJ could tell by the look of certainty on the physician's face that she knew what she was talking about. This was an unsettling observation.

"I'll call the ENT doctor now, and let him know what's happened to you, BJ. He'll probably have to drain the infection surgically. While we're waiting on him, we'll check your blood count and get you started on some intravenous antibiotics."

Cortez headed back toward her desk.

BJ was stunned. He sat quietly as he felt around his throat and chin, and then closed his eyes as he slid a finger behind his teeth to the tender area under his tongue.

"BJ?" Biff seemed perplexed. "I thought you just had a tooth infection. What did that doctor mean about surgery?"

BJ shrugged his shoulders. His look told Biff that he really didn't want to talk right now.

He buried his face in his hands, and sat quietly on the edge of the stretcher.

The spread of odontogenic (tooth) infections into the various soft tissue spaces of the face and neck is relatively common. When such an infection spreads from a mandibular tooth into the floor of the mouth and into the space under the lower jaw and chin, it can be a serious, even life-threatening problem.

Also known as "Ludwig's angina," this infection pushes the tongue and floor of the mouth in an upward and posterior direction. The airway may even be compromised in some cases, and urgent administration of antibiotics, as well as evaluation by an oral or ENT surgeon, is needed. Often, surgical incision and drainage is required.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians. www.fcep.org

will be able to enforce it.

In other business the commissioners:

*Reinstated Diane Walker to the code enforcement and housing authority boards, after she requested that her resignation be rescinded.

*Approved the appointment of Dr. Robert Hutton to the code enforcement board to replace Hugh Branch whose term expires in Aug. 2002.

They appointed alternate Curtis Pryor to replace Kay Zaccagnino, whose term will expire in Aug. 2000.

*Asked City Manager Ken Schenck to advertise for a company or individual to contract with the city to perform janitorial services following the retirement of David Slydell after 27 years of employment with the city.

Mr. Schenck had proposed contracting with the West Palm Beach company that performs janitorial services for First Community Bank, rather than hiring a city employee, to save the cost of providing benefits.

The commissioners agreed that contracting out the service would be cheaper, but wanted to give a local resident or company the opportunity to bid for the service.

Some residents objected to the limitation, noting that holding frequent yard sales is a money-making opportunity for some residents. Other residents noted that nothing prevented family members from holding more than four yard sales if they were held in a different location.

"Anyone who collects enough stuff to have a yard sale every three months is buying stuff elsewhere and selling it," Pahokee resident Maria Mills said.

Vice Mayor Roy Singletary noted that residents who wish to hold more frequent yard sales can purchase a peddler's permit.

"You can't do things on your property that affect your neighbor," Mr. Singletary said, noting that the purpose of the ordinance is to protect residents from the traffic and other disruptions caused by too-frequent yard sales.

In other business, the commission approved the first reading of an ordinance requiring tire dealers to cover all tires stored outside their buildings.

The ordinance was drafted as a health protective measure because tires accumulate water and create a breeding ground for mosquitoes which could carry the encephalitis virus.

Once the measure is finally approved, Palm Beach County environmental health officers

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60 days in jail and/or \$500 fine.

The parent must then return the child to his/her school for readmission. A conference is held to assure that the parent or guardian is fully aware of the child's academic, attendance and behavior records.

The TIP center will then track the child for attendance and compliance for the remainder of the school year.

Ms. Vreeland told the commissioners between 26-35 percent of students picked up for truancy already have a previous arrest record.

Thirty-three percent of juvenile crime occurs in the day time," Ms. Vreeland said, noting that the program not only helps prevent juvenile crime, but also identifies families in need of counseling—35 percent of the families referred to the TIP program go on to receive additional counseling services.

Ms. Vreeland said the program appears to be successful, with a recidivism rate of only 5-9 percent, meaning students referred to the center aren't often caught playing hooky again.

In the 1999-2000 school year to date, the Belle Glade Police Department has picked up 140 truants, Pahokee Police Department, 14; South Bay Police Department, 3; and Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

West District has picked up 35 truants and brought them to the TIP center. Of the total 192 students who have been referred to the Belle Glade Center, 96 have been referred by outside agencies, 29 of those students had prior arrest records, 141 were males, 51 were females and the average age of the truant was 13 years old.

"The TIP program is one of the best programs we have to lower the dropout rate," Ms. Vreeland said, noting that by requiring students to attend school and monitoring their compliance, the program increases their odds of graduating and becoming productive members of society.

The TIP program has brochures available with the Palm Beach County School District's Calendar and School holidays listed. The fourth grading period for the 1999-2000 school year began March 20 and ends May 26. Report cards will be distributed June 5. Holidays for the remainder of the year include: April 21—Spring holiday; April 26—professional development day (students released 2 1/2 hrs. early); May 12—Spring holiday and May 26—last day of school.

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department needs to be fixed. We have too many crimes being committed in broad daylight. Drugs and gambling in the open have better solutions than simply cutting down the trees they sit under. One man cannot accomplish this alone...we all need to work for a better Pahokee and I will work for and listen to the people.

Name: Pete Moore
Age:
Where were you born?
Blaine, Kentucky

Education: High School, BS degree from the University of Dayton

Employment background:

Self-employed fishing guide. Also, a produce broker.

What is currently your primary source of income?
Fishing guide

How long have you lived in Pahokee? 30 years

If you weren't born here, why did you move to Pahokee? Business

What clubs and organizations do you belong to?
Glades Community Development Corporation and the Methodist Church

Did you ever serve in the U.S. military? 1943-1946

U.S. Navy. Served in the South Pacific during World War II.

Family information: Married to Mary Alice Moore

What motivated you to run for the office you seek? Do what I can to see Pahokee progress.

Why, in your opinion, are you the best candidate for this office? Because of my eight years of experience in city government and my desire to see Pahokee progress in the future.

What would you like to change about Pahokee, and how do you propose to enact such change? I want to clean up our slum area so we can attract new business and people to our town of Pahokee. I want to develop the waterfront and develop more recreation areas for everyone.

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Speak Out is our 24-hour opinion line.

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Commendations for Sheriff Neumann

"This call is in regard to a recent Speak Out call about the firing of the captain at the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

You have to commend the sheriff for doing what he did. He was very honorable and this shows he has some class.

If all the deputies in Belle Glade would spend as much time working for the county as they do working against the sheriff, we'd have a much better county. Just remember, he was elected by the people, for the people.

Every Palm Beach County Sheriff's Deputy should remember every morning when they put on their badge, who they work for, that is the taxpayers of Palm Beach County. You need to remember who put the sheriff in office. The taxpayers voted overwhelmingly to support Sheriff Neumann.

We still support him and we will make sure he goes back in office. So, you should work with him, or turn your badge in."

Where's Nascar?

"I was wondering where the Nascar page was in The Sun newspaper?"

Editor's note: While we realize this was a popular page for many of our readers, we made a decision in January to discontinue this page. We had to pay a fee to get this information and we could not find enough advertisers to support the page.

Supporting Mr. Tate

"I'm calling in response to a derogatory statement in last week's paper about Houston Tate.

This person has obviously never met Mr. Tate. Our question is: Has this person ever voiced an

opinion on the people Lomax Harrelle hired with no qualifications whatsoever, who were making the most extravagant paychecks at the city? Thank you."

Kudos to Harvest Queen organizers

"I'm calling in reference to the Harvest Queen Pageant. I would just like to make a comment. I would like to thank Mrs. Becky White, Deena Stamm, Mrs. Woodham and the Belle Glade Lions Club for giving the girls a chance to compete in this pageant.

They went through many years of hard work each year to put this on and I know this year there are only 10 girls and there won't be much of an audience.

Something is typical of this town. Every time we have something nice, they let it go by the wayside by taking it for granted.

These ladies need to be commended for their hard work. Once again, thanks ladies for giving us the opportunity. Best wishes in the future and may God bless."

Questions for water department

"I would like to have the Belle Glade City Manager or the supervisor of the water department to respond to a question I have.

They cut my water off today and I paid my bill before 11 a.m. and they promised to have it turned back on before business hours were over.

I need to know why it takes 7 to 8 hours to turn a customer's water back on?

Thank you."

Editor's note: This Speak Out was sent to City Manager W. Shelton Smith. He declined to respond.

Five dollar late fee on 20 cents?

Dear Editor:

On April 11, 2000, I went to pay my water bill. The original says \$62.20, but the cashier told me the bill is \$67.20. I asked her why. She said "Last month your bill was \$62.10, but you only paid \$62.00, leaving a balance of 10 cents. You are now charged a \$5.00 late fee for the 10 cents."

I went to speak with the supervisor, because I could not believe my ears. She did not waste any time to confirm what the cashier said.

Then, the supervisor went to her immediate supervisor who said he would take off the \$5.00 charge. He then made a shocking statement. He said if a customer has a balance as much as three cents, they are billed that \$5.00

This story is real. It is not a joke.

I hope every customer will examine their bill each month.

How low will they go? They have gone crazy.

Merlene Stewart
Belle Glade

Notes: City Manager W. Shelton Smith responded by giving the ordinances on this subject and then said: "The intent of this ordinance is to provide a deterrent for water customers who continually pay their bill late. However, the current working of the ordinance states that any balance, no matter how small, is considered late and is subject to the late fee if not paid within the 30 day payment period. The City of Belle Glade, however, a customer service oriented government, and as Ms. Stewart's letter states, we are willing to work with citizens to provide a fair and equitable solution when the situation dictates the need. The City of Belle Glade asks all citizens to read their water bill and ask questions, if necessary, as Ms. Stewart has done. Answered questions will help to better inform our citizens and avoid any misunderstandings in the future."

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Letters to the Editor

Son defends Mayor Harma Miller

Dear Editor:

In recent weeks you have spent much of your editorial responding to, or misquoting, issues about my mom. It is evident that you are trying to discredit this administration and everyone in town knows it. Nothing you have said has been based on fact and none of your quotes have been accurate.

If you feel that my mother has done anything immoral or illegal, I employ you to officially accuse her or stop misquoting her on issues such as employee raises or even responding to things like nepotism if you have no evidence.

I am extremely proud of my mom, so if you have a personal or political vendetta against the mayor or any of the other commissioners, don't abuse your power as an editor to push your own or anyone else's agenda. You can't insult the intelligence of this community and assume that whatever you say will be taken as truth.

My mom is a great politician who has done a lot for this city. Maybe if you took the time to study the facts you might stop printing your so

called opinionated truths.

Concerned citizen,
Heath L. Miller
Belle Glade

Response from the editor: Mr. Miller, unfortunately you misunderstand how our Speak Out section works, so you want to "kill the messenger."

I do not write the opinions expressed in Speak Out. I do however, on occasion, give a brief editor's note to clarify something or tell our readers where to turn for information, but the opinions expressed in our Speak Out section come entirely from the community.

I did feel obligated to let our readers know that Mayor Miller has said publicly she will no longer respond to Speak Out. This is public record, stated by her at a recent city commission meeting. I challenge anyone to name one instance where I have personally misquoted the mayor on these issues. This is simply not true.

Harrowing story told by boaters on Lake Okeechobee

Editor's note: The following letter was written to Pahokee Fire Department Chief Gary Burroughs. We felt it was worth publishing. The firefighters commended in this article are Bruce Wetherington and Edward Sossi.

Dear Chief:

On the afternoon of March 27, 2000, in the height of a terrible storm on Lake Okeechobee, I had the pleasure of seeing your rescue boat and its two man crew come from Pahokee to our aid.

My friend, Alan Warren, age 64 (a visitor from England), and myself, age 68, came out of Port Mayaca Locks into one and a half foot seas with 10 mile per hour winds out of the west.

We proceeded towards Clewiston in my 21-foot boat. Off Marker 41 on the rim route, the storm hit. The boat was tossed like a cork. We could barely hold on. Water got into the engine and it stopped - not to be started again that day.

We threw over one, and then two more good sized anchors, but the fury of the storm drove the boat slowly toward shore. We called our towing company, who said they would arrive no sooner than two and a half hours. We called 9-1-1 and reported our condition and position.

Needless to say, our condition was dire and we approached coral boulders with each crashing wave. We felt the end was near. We knew we could not survive if we were smashed on the coral heads.

Then to the south, we saw the flashing red lights of your rescue boat. It seemed amazing how fast they sprang into action from the time we called.

As they closed in on us, the boat started hitting the boulders. We took three or four crushing thumps. Your men speedily put themselves into position and threw a line which we secured to our boat. We were towed out into safer water and to their home base, Pahokee.

The fury of the storm was with us all the way. We were all soaked to the skin. We were tied up

at the dock and another of your men took what information that was needed and left. We were beyond thinking at that time and were elated being alive.

Alan and I emptied the boat of two feet of water and the boat appeared sound. The rescuers disappeared and we do not know who they were. We would appreciate your providing their names.

As we stood on the dock wondering what to do next, a gentleman had been checking his boat in the marina. He is Captain Coach Don Thompson. He strode over and commiserated with us and asked where we planned to stay that night. We were exhausted and had no idea of motel availability. He invited us to his nearby home where he provided dry clothing, good conversation, comfortable quarters and food. We repaired the engine the next morning and departed for home with fond memories of Pahokee, its Fire Rescue Team and the people who live there.

I spent 10 years in the regular U.S. Coast Guard and 11 years in its Reserve, retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer. In my early days I was involved in quite a few rescues at sea. I want to commend to you the crew of the rescue boat for their devotion to duty, their bravery, and the excellent manner in which they handled themselves and their boat in those treacherous waters.

It was obvious that they were professionals and that safety and protection of life and property was their main concern, both for the people they help and for themselves. They should be commended for efforts that appeared to me to be above and beyond their job description. Thank God for the Pahokee Fire Rescue Service! Certainly, they saved our lives.

Most sincerely,
Arthur E. Worthington
Port St. Lucie



Easter service

The Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 6:30 a.m. at Belle Glade City Hall, Sun, April 23.

Rev. Gary Folds, Pastor First Baptist Church, Belle Glade, will bring the Resurrection message.

There will be special Easter music and singing.

Everyone is welcome.

Baha'is plan election

The Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Belle Glade will be holding their annual election on April 20 at 7 p.m. The election will be held at 801 Northwest 4th Street, Belle Glade.

Call 996-3150 for information.

Egg hunt for Glade View children

Glade View Elementary Pre-K and kindergarten students and their parents are invited to an egg hunt on Thursday, April 20 at 10 a.m. The event will be held on the Glade View playground and is sponsored by the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation.

For additional information, contact Mrs. Reid at 993-4035.

Registration open

Parents or guardians interested in enrolling their children in Rosendahl's Pre-K/Early Intervention

Program for the 2000-2001 school year are invited to register their child.

Registration will be held Thursday, April 20 at noon in the Media Center and applications will be available at Rosendahl Elementary School in South Bay until May 5.

For additional information call the school at 996-4970.

Cantata at CUMC

The Chancel Choir of Community United Methodist Church will present the cantata *What a Morning!* Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m.

What a Morning! is a dramatic cantata recounting the journey of Jesus from His triumphant entry into Jerusalem to His agonizing crucifixion and death to His victorious resurrection. The service will include Holy Communion.

Retirement party

A retirement celebration will be held Saturday, May 20 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center for Mrs. Juanita Malone, assistant principal at Belle Glade Elementary.

The event will start at 6 p.m. and the cost is \$30 per person and includes dinner and a gift.

For more information call Vickie McMullen at 993-4032.

Books wanted

Give a gift that will last a lifetime - please donate new or used books for students at Kathryn E. Cunningham/Cantal Point Elementary School.

A book drive is on at the school and they want to help all their students to have books in their homes to read during the summer.

For more information, call the school at 924-6460.

Talent showcase

Street Beat, Inc. will present Showcase 2000: "Raising the Standards" on Friday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. The showcase will feature performances in music, dance, and theater by the youth in the Street Beat elementary and teen program. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Special group rates and tickets are available at Street Beat, 103 N.W. 10th Avenue, South Bay or by calling 993-9916.

Mother's Day Fashion Show and Luncheon

There will be a "Mother's Day Out" Fashion Show and Luncheon, on Saturday, April 29 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Hall, 1200 E. Main Street, Pahokee. The event is sponsored by The Altar Society. Donation is \$10 and there will be door prizes.

For information call 924-2952 or 924-7545.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Gents of Belle Glade are sponsoring an Easter Egg hunt on Sunday, April 23 at 4 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club. All children are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Easter Festival

The City of South Bay is sponsoring an Easter Festival on April 21 through April 23 at Tanner park. There will be carnival rides, games and prizes. Parents can bring their children for a free Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 22 at 3 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Study the past to predict the future



Mike Lyons

To predict the future, study the past. That is the simple, yet highly effective, forecasting method of Dr. William Gray.

Gray, an atmospheric scientist from Colorado State University, has been successfully forecasting future hurricane seasons since 1984. By looking at past hurricane seasons, Gray has found a number of common environmental conditions, from the temperature of the ocean to the amount of rainfall in West Africa, that allow him to make reliable predictions about the future.

You may have heard that Gray thinks the 2000 hurricane season will be busy. In his April 7 update, Gray is forecasting 11 tropical storms this summer, 7 hurricanes and 3 major hurricanes.

Up until recently, Gray was something of a loner in the meteorological community, a man who didn't use the super computer models but chose instead the old fashioned method of painstaking research.

Now, other scientists are following Gray's lead, and these newcomers have something to say about the promising hurricane season.

Climatologist Anthony Lupo of the University of Missouri-Columbia thinks the hurricanes that form this year might be more powerful than normal. Lupo has discovered a little-known Pacific Ocean climate condition that he believes leads to stronger Atlantic hurricanes.

Like Dr. Gray, Lupo has studied the past to predict the future. Lupo examined hurricane records dating back to 1938 and discovered a link between cooler-than-normal Pacific Ocean water temperatures and something called the Northern Pacific Oscillation (NPO).

The NPO is the nickname for an extended period of dramatic temperature extremes in the eastern Pacific. When the water temperature in the eastern Pacific is warmer than normal and ocean temperatures in the tropical Pacific are cooler than normal, Lupo discovered that Atlantic hurricanes tend to be more powerful.

Lupo believes that weather pattern is forming now and, if he's right, then this hurricane season may lead to more powerful storms.

Meanwhile, scientists at the University of Washington in Seattle have discovered what

may be another forecasting tool for upcoming hurricane seasons. Eric Maloney and Dennis Hartman believe the direction of the winds over the Pacific Ocean affects the number of hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.

By studying past hurricane seasons, the two scientists discovered that the likelihood of hurricanes in the Gulf and Caribbean increases fourfold about two weeks after a change in the wind movement over the Pacific Ocean.

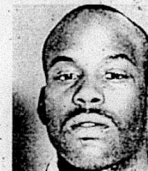
When westerly winds that is, winds blowing from the west reach the eastern side of the Pacific near the Americas, hurricanes are four times more likely to form in the Gulf and Caribbean than when the Pacific Ocean winds blow the other way.

Maloney and Hartman's research reveals that the storms in the Gulf and Caribbean tend to form one to two weeks after the shift of winds. And the duo's research found that Florida is more likely to be hit by a tropical system when Pacific winds are from the west.

Study the past to predict the future. It seems more scientists have adopted Bill Gray's simple, but highly effective, forecasting method to forecast hurricane activity.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV)

CRIME STOPPERS



Michael Dwayne Slydell

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Michael Dwayne Slydell who is wanted for robbery with a firearm and aggravated assault with a firearm. Slydell is a black male, 5'10" tall, and weighs 160 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and he has gold teeth. His date of birth was June 5, 1972. His last known address was 2066 Mason Drive,

West Palm Beach. His Social Security number is unknown and his last occupation is unknown. His warrant was active as of April 11, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Michael Dwayne Slydell, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 611 complaints and gave 52 traffic citations the week of April 10-16.

Those arrested included:

April 10 - Juvenile, 14, violation of probation; **Lestys Bailey**, 27, aggravated domestic battery with a deadly weapon; **Willie Blackmon**, 38, burglary of a conveyance, grand theft, resisting arrest without violence and possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

April 11 - Joe Singleton, 24, violation of probation; **David Best**, 33, two counts of violation of probation.

April 12 - Grady Cain, 50, failure to appear on charges of petty theft; **Abundio Hernandez**, 35, resisting an officer without violence; **Gloria Akins**, 29, purchase of cocaine and possession of cocaine; **Harry Salter**, 32, possession of cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to sell and resisting an officer without violence; **Artavious Warren**, 20, domestic battery on a pregnant woman; **Juvenile**, 15, burglary to a vehicle and petty theft; **Juvenile**, 16, burglary to a vehicle and petty theft; **Anthony Kearse**, 18, burglary to a vehicle and petty theft; **Juvenile**, 16, warrant for strong arm robbery, three counts of failure to appear on traffic citations and a warrant for tampering with a witness.

April 13 - Roger Fountain, 22, criminal mischief; **Clarence Williams**, 22, violation of probation; **Keith Johnson**, 20, resisting an officer, without violence; **Juvenile**, 15, grand theft auto, grand theft, obstruction by a disguised person; **Juvenile**, 16, grand theft auto, grand theft and resisting an officer without violence; **Alexander Perkins**, 21, warrant for armed robbery with a firearm, warrants for grand theft, two counts of attempted 1st degree murder.

April 14 - Alexander Perkins, 21, two counts of strong-arm robbery; **Isaac Day**, 21, trespassing after warning; **Juvenile**, 17, retail theft.

April 15 - Welton Johnson, 45, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

April 16 - Bruce Jones, 30, affray; **Wesley Dorle**, 25, two counts of attempted burglary of an occupied dwelling and resisting an officer without violence; **Tyrone Mooreland**, 27, battery and criminal mischief.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 7 arrests the week of April 9-15.

Those arrested included:

April 9 - Velinda S. White, 35, prostitution.

April 10 - Javian J. Johnson, 25, failure to appear; **Kenneth B. Schweickart**, 29, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

April 11 - Michael B. Banks, 34, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; **Jessie L. Brown**, 31, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

April 12 - No arrests made.

April 13 - No arrests made.

April 14 - No arrests made.

April 15 - Tavoris K. Brockman, 20, violation of probation on charges of possession of cocaine; **Willie L. Brockman**, 21, warrant arrests for violation of probation.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department handled 233 calls, made 11 arrests and issued 16 traffic citations the week of April 10-16.

Those arrested included:

April 10 - Juvenile, 16, attempted burglary, loitering and prowling, possession of burglary tools and criminal mischief; **Denis Anderson**, 41, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; **Maxine Boyce**, 35, two counts of grand theft; **Juvenile**, 17, warrant for failure to appear.

April 11 - Maria Rosiles, 38, warrant for violation of probation; **Willie Moore**, 42, warrant for violation of probation and warrant for order of commitment.

April 12 - No arrests made.

April 13 - No arrests made.

April 14 - No arrests made.

April 15 - Norman Jean Austin, 45, disorderly intoxication, obstruction by a disguised person and assault; **James Atterberry**, 61, violation of a court injunction and possession of drug paraphernalia; **Gilberto Navarro**, 24, obstruction by a disguised person; **Lilly Mae Knight**, 42, disorderly intoxication.

April 16 - Alvaughn Johnson Jr., 18, domestic battery and battery in the presence of a minor under 16 years of age.

PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office made 6 arrests the week of April 12-18.

Those arrested included:

April 11 - Steven D. Brown, 41, Pahokee, violation of probation, possession of cocaine; **Willie B. Lawrence**, 19, Belle Glade, simple battery; domestic; **William C. Meredith**, 27, Belle Glade, aggravated battery on a pregnant female, domestic.

April 12 - Juvenile, 14, Pahokee, violation of court order probation monitoring; **Michael L. Cleatscale**, 37, Belle Glade, domestic aggravated battery; **Juvenile**, 15, Belle Glade, burglary; **Alfredo Anola**, 48, Pahokee, DUI, driving while license suspended.

April 13 - Juvenile, 15, Pahokee, grand theft auto, grand theft, obstruction by disguised person; **Juvenile**, 16, Pahokee, grand theft auto, grand theft, resisting arrest without violence.

April 14 - No arrests made.

April 15 - Bobby Wayne Dunaway, 45, Pahokee, battery domestic.

April 16 - Melvin Burgess, 29, Pahokee, battery domestic violence.

April 17 - Norberto Vireo Torres, 25, Pahokee, grand theft.

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Sports this week

Boynton Family Racing Team makes running a family affair

By Tracy Whirlis

Ask Wayne Boynton how he became interested in running and he will jokingly refer you to Forest Gump.

The reality is he has been running since high school, when he won the district and earned third place in state competition for the mile run.

At 55, he has amassed more than 40 first place trophies in his age division, recently winning the Treasure Coast Race Series title, after competing in 14 races at distances ranging from 5-16K. He recently set a new record for himself, winning first place in the Jensen Beach 5K in 20 minutes.

"I'm running faster in the past 12 months than I have in the past 12-15 years," Mr. Boynton said, attributing the increased speed to stepped up training. He runs several miles every night after work and runs 10-20 miles every Sunday morning.

He competes "almost every weekend, often running in two races during the weekend, and occasionally a morning race and an evening race on the same day."

"It's my kind of sport. I don't have to make appointments with other people like with golf or tennis. I can adjust it around my schedule. Most races start at 7 or 7:30 in the morning, so during the season, after the race, I can go back to work on the farm," Mr. Boynton said.

He has competed in six



Younger son Bryan and Wayne Boynton

marathons, running in the Disney Marathon twice and earning third place in his age bracket in the Space Coast Marathon, in Melbourne, the oldest marathon in Florida.

"I'm not an elite runner, an Olympic runner. There are many, many faster than I am. In local competition I win my share," Mr. Boynton said. "I thrive on the competition. My goal is to pass everyone in front of me."

Mr. Boynton has made running a family activity and is often joined by his oldest son Ben and Ben's wife Joanna and his younger son Bryan in competitions.

"From the time they were young boys they saw me jogging. They knew it was my only sport,

and if they were ever going to participate in a sport with me, that would be it," Mr. Boynton said. "It's nice when we're in the same town, when we can get together, don our 'Boynton Racing Team' shirts and do it."

"The first time I remember going any distance with my dad, it was like 20 years ago when the walkathons were the big thing. I was about six and my brother was three. I walked the whole thing but my dad wound up carrying my brother the second half," Ben Boynton said, adding that the two started running with their father in shorter competitions by the time they were eight or ten years old.

"Ben, my oldest son, has run several shorter races with me and



From left to right, eldest son Ben Boynton, his wife Joanna and Wayne Boynton

his wife Joanna has run in two. Bryan has run in two marathons with me," Mr. Boynton said.

"He called me up and wanted to run in the Disney Marathon with me. I asked him if he'd been running, and he said a little. Well, you don't just go out one day and run a marathon. I wrote him up a training schedule for six months, and he followed it perfectly. He was in prime shape for it."

"We wore our Boynton Family Racing Team shirts. He's much faster than I am, but he wanted to run with me. I paced him for

the first 20 miles, then the next six miles we ran at his pace. He beat me by nearly an hour, but he helped me get the fastest time I ever ran," Mr. Boynton said of running with his son in the Disney Marathon.

The two later ran together in the Blue Angel Marathon at Pensacola, which is the second oldest and second largest marathon in the state. Bryan took second place among Florida runners in his age bracket and earned fifth place among all the runners in his bracket. "Not bad

for a beginner," Mr. Boynton said.

The Boynton family, who are distantly related to Nathan Boynton who founded the city of Boynton Beach, have operated J. T. Boynton Farms, Inc. in the Glades since the 1930s. Wayne Boynton continues to operate the farm, founded by his grandparents. Ben Boynton is a broker with Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. in Wellington and Bryan Boynton is pursuing a doctorate in agricultural food sciences at the University of Florida.

Black Gold 5K Race results

Overall Winners

Walk

Deborah Altman, Jimmy Boyd

Run

Fred Eaton, Angee Lohmann

Walk

Females

14 & under: Erin Francis, Nikki Willis, Shelby Markham

15-20: Georgia Pate, Jennifer McMillan, Anne Lee

21-30: Judy Abercrombie, Belinda Lopez

31-40: Dearnna Miller, Sharon Congleton, Mimi Hersen

41-50: Deborah Altman, Barbara Scruggs

51-60: Martha Weeks, Robin Hollingsworth, Esther Berry

Males

41-50: Jimmy Boyd, Les McMillan

51-60: Mr. Dingle

Run

Female

15-20: Peggy Altman

31-40: Angee Lohmann, Terri Branch, Miranda Lamont

41-50: Nancy Muer

Male

14 & under: Justin Longoria, Juan Navarro, Michael Herring

15-20: Brandon West, Jonathan Allen, Justin Miller

21-30: Paul Paulus, Kenny Lutz, Theo Jacobs

31-40: Fred Eaton, Keith Johnson, Steve Kemp

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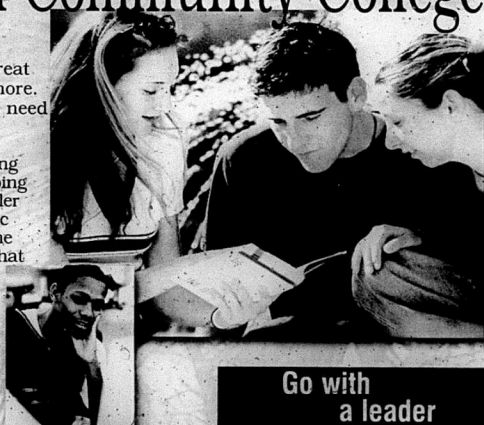
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Black Gold 5k race

Photo finish



Deborah Altman took first place in the female 41-50 age group in the walking event and was the 1st place overall winning walker.



Pictured are, left to right, Robin Hollingsworth, Les McMillan, Jr. and Barbara Scruggs.



Mike Melton took first place, Larry West, second, and Tim Murr third place in the male runners 51-60 age group in the Black Gold 5K race Saturday.



Douglass Dingle took first place in the 51-60 category among male walkers.



South Bay Commissioner Esther Berry earned third place among the 51-60 walkers.



Terry Branch came in second and Miranda Lamont earned third in the female 31-40 group in the Black Gold 5K. Not pictured is first place winner Angie Lohmann.



Third place runner Michael Herring, first place runner Justin Langorie and second place runner Brandon West participated in the 14 and under division.



Nick Viterio took first place in the 60+ division.



Kenny Lutz, left, earned second place among male runners 21-30 while Brandon West, right, took first place in the 15-20 year old division.



Fred Eaton won among 31-40 year olds with a time of 16:47.



Preston (Steve) Kemp was the third place finisher in the 31-40 age category in the Black Gold 5K race.



Jimmy Bond, right, earned first place overall and first place male 41-50 division. Les McMillan left, earned second place.



Black Gold festival photos by Brenda Bunting and Tracy Whirls



Alligator attacks rare but caution is advised, FWC says

Your chances of dying from drowning or lightning strikes are much greater than being the victim of a fatal alligator attack, but caution is still advised.

"There is a threat, although statistically small," said Lt. Jim Huffstodt, public information coordinator with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). "However, when you deal with a large predator it pays to stay wary."

Huffstodt said there have been more than 250 alligator attacks on humans in Florida since the FWC began documenting them in 1948. Nine incidents were fatal. Half of the fatal attacks involved children.

"We average from 15-20 non-fatal alligator attacks each year," he said. "That's a pretty small percentage when you consider that we probably have more than a million alligators in Florida."

"Late March is the beginning of the alligator mating season, so they are moving around and becoming more visible," he said. "That fact and the March 21, 1997 death of three-year-old Adam Trevor Binford in a fatal attack in Volusia County have made some people nervous about the threat."

Alligator Attacks-Fatal

• Sharon Holmes, 16, was attacked while swimming in Scherer State Park, Sarasota County on Aug. 16, 1973 at dusk. The 113" male alligator had been fed by visitors.

• George Leonard, 52, was attacked while swimming in the Peace River Canal, Charlotte County on Sept. 28, 1977 at 8:35 p.m. The 7-foot female alligator had appeared in the canal the day of the attack.

• Phillip Rastrelli, 14, was attacked while swimming across a canal in Martin County on Sept. 10, 1978 at noon. The gator was an 11-foot healthy male.

attacked while snorkeling in the Wakulla River on July 13, 1987 at 2 p.m. The alligator was an 11-foot healthy male.

• Erin Glover, 4, was attacked while walking along the shore of Hidden Lake, Charlotte County on June 4, 1988 at 6:10 p.m. The alligator was a 107" male.

• Bradley Weidenhamer, 10, was attacked while wading in the Loxahatchee River at Johnathan Dickinson State Park in Martin County on June 19, 1993. The alligator was an 114" male.

• Grace Eberhart, 70, was attacked at Lake Serenity in Suwannee County on Oct. 3, 1993. The circumstances surrounding her death are unknown, but she died of a broken neck caused by an alligator bite to the throat and head. Several alligators may have been involved in the attack. The largest measured 97" long.

• Adam Binford, 3, was attacked at Lake Ashby in Volusia County on March 21, 1997. The child strayed outside the roped-off swimming area in the county park to pick some lily pads when he was attacked by an 11-foot alligator. Splashing dogs in the area may have attracted the alligator. His body was recovered the next day about a mile from the site of the attack. The gator was destroyed by a licensed trapper.

Lt. Huffstodt said there are a number of important safety tips to remember when around alligators. These include:

- Don't feed alligators! Many attacks involve gators who have been fed and lost their natural fear of men. And, it's against the law, punishable by up to a \$500 fine.
- Be particularly cautious around large alligators. Most attacks involved animals over six feet long.
- Never swim in areas containing large alligators.
- Never swim at twilight or at night. These are prime times for alligator attacks.
- Don't approach an alligator nest. Female gators can be very aggressive in defending their nests.

• Don't dump fish scraps into the water near boat landings. This will attract gators.

• Report large and aggressive alligators living near people to the FWC. Don't try to handle the situation yourself.

• Don't allow your dog to swim in areas containing gators.

• Swim in posted areas only. Be sure to check the water for the presence of gators before swimming.

• Keep your distance. Don't approach big gators. Stay at least 25 yards away.

• Don't swim near heavy vegetation because it may conceal a large alligator.

• Be aware of your surroundings and use caution and common sense. Remember, even a small pond may contain a large alligator which can be difficult to spot because of its natural camouflage.

The FWC is committed to keeping the number of alligator attacks down to a minimum, Huffstodt said. "We do this through our alligator nuisance control program."

"Last year, FWC trappers removed approximately 5,100 large and aggressive alligators statewide from populated areas where they posed a threat to people and pets," he said. "This has undoubtedly prevented many attacks from occurring."

Lt. Huffstodt said the FWC Everglades Regional Office in West Palm Beach handles anywhere from 10 to 50 nuisance alligator complaints daily from the 10 counties of south Florida. Almost 4,000 nuisance gator reports are recorded every year.

The peak month is usually May when alligator mating season is in full swing. The females will nest in June and July; and the eggs hatch in late August and September.

"Alligators are a fact of life in Florida, part of our natural heritage," Lt. Huffstodt said.

"People can learn to enjoy observing alligators while still exercising the proper caution due a large, potentially dangerous predator."

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REQUEST FOR BID

The City of Palm Beach is requesting proposals from qualified individuals or companies to provide the following services: (1) to provide the City with a detailed site plan for the proposed development of a new residential development located in the City of Palm Beach, and (2) to provide the City with a detailed site plan for the proposed development of a new commercial development located in the City of Palm Beach. The proposals should be submitted to the City of Palm Beach, at the following address: City of Palm Beach, 1000 N. Dixie Highway, Suite 100, West Palm Beach, FL 33411. The deadline for the submission of proposals is May 10, 2000.

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GENERAL ELECTION

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To save rare stingrays, UF researcher turns to native Florida species

Only a few of the world's stingrays venture into freshwater, and most are threatened by overfishing, pollution or both.

Now, a University of Florida researcher hopes to help save these rare and little-studied fishes through broadening knowledge of a unique stingray found in a Florida river.

The stingray found throughout much of the St. Johns River has the distinction of being the only stingray in North America able to spend its entire life in freshwater. UF zoology doctoral student Peter Piermarini is probing this capability in hopes of giving scientists an easy way to discern exclusively freshwater stingrays from ones that can tolerate both fresh and salt water. It is important to identify the freshwater rays first because they are more vulnerable to fishing and pollution than their more adaptable counterparts, Piermarini said.

"We can't save everything, so which ones are we going to prioritize?" Piermarini said. "If a stingray is restricted to a freshwater environment, it should be prioritized over stingrays that move back and

forth between fresh and salt water. Scientists have identified over two dozen species of freshwater rays in Latin America and another dozen or more rays that may venture in to freshwater worldwide," said George Burgess, a UF ichthyologist. These include the giant freshwater stingray, a ray with a reported 12-foot wingspan that lives in parts of Thailand and the Ganges River in India; piermarini said. They also include several species that live in coastal rivers or lakes in impoverished, unstable regions in West Africa and Southeast Asia. As a result, studying these rays may be time-consuming and difficult, Piermarini said.

By contrast, the ray Piermarini is studying, *Dasyatis sabina*, is common in the St. Johns River. "It's one of the only places in the world where these rays spend their entire lives in freshwater and where you can study them easily," he said.

The ray is brown on the top, white on the bottom and can reach a little more than 2 pounds. It is the same species of ray common along both coasts of Florida known to temporarily enter fresh water. Although

the ray can live exclusively in freshwater, it normally lives in brackish water throughout its range in the St. Johns.

Most fish are confined either to salt or freshwater because of a chemical process known as osmosis: Fluids containing salts or other solutes move through semi-permeable membranes from an area of higher concentration to one of lower concentration.

Because the concentration of salt in saltwater fishes' bodies is not as high as salt water, they are in danger of losing fluids and gaining salt. As a result, their bodies have evolved to gain water and excrete salt. Freshwater fish, by contrast, absorb water and lose salt because their bodily fluids are saltier than the surrounding freshwater. Their bodies have evolved to get rid of the extra water and absorb salts from the environment.

A small number of fish, and even smaller number of sharks, skates and rays can migrate between fresh and salt water or live equally well in both. The object of Piermarini's research is to understand how the St. Johns River ray

manages this feat. Scientists know fish use their gills to regulate the salt and water concentrations in their bodies, and much of Piermarini's work involves examining the biochemistry and cellular composition of gill material from rays under powerful microscopes.

Piermarini is also studying a South American ray that can live only in freshwater. When both studies are completed, he expects to have data that other scientists can use to identify a given ray as restricted or unrestricted to fresh water.

Piermarini said rays' plight is particularly urgent because rays, like sharks and skates, are live-bearing and give birth to only a few young.

"It takes a lot of time to do the experiments in places where these animals are threatened," he said. "It would be better if we could just go there, take a little bit of gill tissue and bring that back to the lab and analyze it."

Piermarini's research is being funded with a three-year, \$102,000 graduate research fellowship from the Environmental Protection Agency.

UF Study: 1999 Shark attack fatalities dip in otherwise average year

By Kathy Keen

Sharks killed fewer people in 1999 than in any year of the 90s, a new University of Florida study shows.

Only four human deaths were reported from skirmishes with the marine predators' worldwide last year, compared with an annual average of seven during the decade, said George Burgess, director of the International Shark Attack Files which is housed at UF.

"It's not so clear-cut that the fatality rate has been declining decade after decade," Burgess said. "A big reason is dramatic improvement in the quality and availability of emergency medical care throughout the world, which has boosted survival rates."

"We also are seeing an increased awareness of how to avoid putting ourselves in situations where we could get killed by sharks," he said. "More enlightened media coverage and heavy use of the file's Internet site have resulted in better informed marine recreationists."

Because numbers can fluctuate from year to year, researchers at UF's Florida Museum of Natural History. Overall, the 1990s had the highest number of attacks (536) of any previous decade, continuing the upward trend of the 20th century, he said.

"The number of shark attacks in a given year is directly correlated to the amount of human hours spent in the sea," he said. "As world population continues to grow and time spent in aquatic recreation rises, we can expect a gradual increase in attacks."

Otherwise, the number of shark attacks in 1999 remained fairly typical, Burgess said.

"Last year was an absolutely average year," he said. "The number of attacks was 58, right at the average of what we've had for the last few years and for the decade."

There were 54 shark attacks in 1998 and 60 in 1997, and the annual average for the decade was 54, Burgess said.

Two-thirds of last year's assaults occurred in North American waters, which naturally have a high number because Florida, has so many

attacks, but they were even more frequent in 1999, he said.

Between 1998 and 1999, the number of shark attacks in Florida increased from 22 to 25, and those in North America rose from 29 to 39.

"Basically, the way these international statistics work is, 'as Florida goes, so goes the world,' because Florida annually is the leader in numbers of attacks," he said. "More attacks occur in Florida than in any state, country or other geographical entity because so many people swim with sharks."

Thirty-seven of the 39 attacks in North American waters last year took place in the United States, with single incidents recorded in both Mexico and the Bahamas. Elsewhere, South Africa had nine attacks, followed by Brazil (4), New Zealand (3), Australia (2) and Saudi Arabia (1). South Africa had two fatalities, Australia and Saudi Arabia each had one.

As usual, most US attacks occurred in Florida (25). Five attacks were reported in Hawaii, two each in California, Georgia and South Carolina and one in Virginia.

In Florida, Volusia County experienced the most shark attacks (9),

largely because of surfers' attraction to the waves off Ponce de Leon inlet near New Smyrna Beach, he said.

Sharks tend to be common in inlet areas because tidal flushing—in this case of a lagoon system—draws a lot of bait fish, he said.

"Under conditions of breaking surf, reduced visibility and tidal currents, sharks apparently mistake the splashing of people's feet and hands at the water's surface for fish, probably because they have to make fast approaches to what they think are prey items in order to make a living," Burgess said.

Other Florida counties with shark attacks last year were Brevard (4), Palm Beach (4), Martin (2), Duval (1), Escambia (1), Franklin (1), Monroe (1), St. Johns (1) and St. Lucie (1).

Surfers who persist in going where the sharks are continue to be the no. 1 victims, representing 43 percent of all 1999 attacks, he said. Other victims were swimmers (38 percent), divers (2 percent), body surfers (2 percent), kayakers (2 percent), those involved in air or sea disasters (2 percent) and those who simply jumped into the water (2 percent).

UF author gives advice to 21st century dads in new book

By Kristin Hamel

The pass. The 5-second rule. The safety.

Scheduling away games.

Yes, they're all sports terms, which is why a University of Florida researcher is using a handle on another challenging and sometimes mysterious endeavor: fatherhood.

Aimed primarily at the first-time father, "21st Century Dad: A New Father's Game Plan" by Kristin Hamel is written in a language most men should be able to relate to, says author Douglas DeMichele, associate director of recreational sports at UF. Unlike other parenting guides, he said, "21st Century Dad" focuses on the practical aspects of raising children that some child-rearing experts may take for granted.

DeMichele, who wrote the book following his doctoral thesis, began the project while raising a two-year-old daughter and shortly after the birth of a second baby.

"I couldn't find anything out there for dads," he said. "There were books, but they weren't really telling

dads what they were getting themselves into."

In addition to sports terminology, he employed another tool: tenderfoot dads may only need a hint.

"The 5-second rule," for example, is DeMichele's answer to the pressing question: "When the pacifier hasn't been on the floor for more than five seconds, scoop it up, wipe it off and hope the Ref (Mom) won't be watching."

"The Pass" is a sidekick to the book's section on diaper changing.

"Within two minutes of a new diaper change, Baby decides to let one rip and fill another 'diaper,' DeMichele writes.

"Do you wait a few more minutes and change the diaper, knowing full well that the same thing will occur? Or do you pass Baby to Mom, hoping that she will notice the dirty diaper and change it?"

But the book goes beyond laughing matters and answers scores of the questions first-time dads may not be able to answer themselves.

DeMichele provides a detailed list of items to have ready when the baby returns from the hospital and even tells readers how much they'll cost and how long the items will be needed. He also talks readers through changing that first diaper, traveling with a baby, communicating with mom about child-rearing, and baby-proofing the house.

He even talks to new dads man-to-man about when they can expect to resume sexual intimacy with their wives.

"21st Century Dad" helped me better understand my wife and become a more confident, responsible father," said Pini Orbach, a research fellow at Harvard University Medical School. "It's clearly the best book every 21st-century father should read."

"21st Century Dad" can help the first-time father from the day the parents find out that a baby is on the way," DeMichele said.

"This is what new dads have to do to make their lives tick. They'll find out soon enough that life has changed a little bit."

Researchers develop 'artificial eyelid' that reacts faster than a laser

By Aaron Hoover

UF News

Researchers at the University of Florida and a North Carolina Institute have invented a chip-like device, with a surface that turns from transparent to opaque so rapidly it can shield the eye or electronic sensors from potentially blinding lasers.

While the primary application of the "artificial eyelid" is military, consumer applications may range from programmable sunglasses to better cameras, said Paul Holloway, a UF professor of materials science and engineering and one of the researchers on the project.

"There are a whole host of applications," Dr. Holloway said.

"Dr. Holloway and his colleagues at the UF College of Engineering and a non-profit North Carolina-based technology institute have successfully demonstrated prototypes of the device, which uses extremely thin polymer and electrode films to control transmission of light. Part of the fast emerging field of nanotechnology—the creation of machines so small they can only be viewed with a powerful microscope—the eyelid is intended to protect military pilots and equipment from disabling laser attacks.

Dr. Holloway and other researchers in UF's department of materials science and engineering contributed to the eyelid as part of research for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA, and Army Research Office.

Holloway presented the team's findings this month at a conference of the International Society for Optical Engineering.

While largely seen as a future threat, contemporary reports of laser attacks are not unprecedented. A US Navy officer and a Canadian military pilot said they were flashed by a laser while photographing a Russian warship off the coast of Washington state in 1997.

Although the Pentagon says there is no proof a laser was involved, the two officers have suffered recurring pain that doctors have tied to laser exposure, say news accounts.

In an era when satellites are on the front lines of defense, lasers pose a big threat to national security, Dr. Holloway said.

"We rely a lot now in terms of our defense systems on overhead satellites," he said. "These satellites typically have high-power, high-resolution cameras. If somebody wants to avoid them, they can take a ground-based laser, point it up and knock out the cameras."

To counter the threat, Dr. Holloway and the other researchers used chip-making techniques and materials to design and build a device that contains thousands of tiny apertures that can range in size from about a millimeter to 50 micrometers (an inch is 25,400 micrometers in an inch). Tests of prototypes showed the apertures can open and close as many as 10,000 times in one second. When deployed, say, on a satellite camera, a tiny sensor would detect the laser, shut down the apertures that can range in size from about a millimeter to 50 micrometers (an inch is 25,400 micrometers in an inch). Tests of prototypes showed the apertures can open and close as many as 10,000 times in one second. When deployed, say, on a satellite camera, a tiny sensor would detect the laser, shut down the apertures that can range in size from about a millimeter to 50 micrometers (an inch is 25,400 micrometers in an inch). 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Black Gold Jubilee 2000 Highlights



Everyone's a winner during Black Gold kids events

Egg & Spoon Race

4-6 Age Group
1st-Brianna Lohmann
2nd-Krista Dulany
3rd-Kasey Dulany

7-9 Age Group
1st-Tamika Bridges
2nd-Timothy
3rd-Tavious Bridges

10-12 Age Group
1st-Hamdallah Ali

2nd-Denise Bridges
3rd-Kaley Schleter

Parent-Child Three Legged Race

4-6 Age Group
1st-Maria & Brian Dulany
2nd-Philip & Krista Dulany
3rd-DeWitt & Kasey Dulany

7-9 Age Group
1st-Shane & Gage Doney

2nd-Tommy & Thomas Doney
3rd-Diahe Kysak & Courtney Owens

10-12 Age Group
1st-Kelly Clemons & Christine Carter
2nd-Marshelle & C.J. Carter
3rd-Neicy & Johni Menendez

Baby Crawl Contest
1st-Chandler Cousen
2nd-McKenzie Miller

Water Balloon Toss

4-6 Age Group
1st-Kasey and Krista Dulany
2nd-Donald Wilson and Kierra Lee
3rd-

7-9 Age Group
1st-Stevie Courson and Coleman Sample
2nd-Muhammad and Saeed Barhaath

3rd-Courtney Owens and Aleigh Miller

10-12 Age Group
1st-Tavious Bridge and Jenny Thomas
2nd-Joshua Soles and Michael F. 3rd-Joseph Samira and Hamdallah Ali

Muck Eating Contest
4-6 Age Group
1st-Kierra Lee

2nd-Donald Wilson
3rd-

7-9 Age Group
1st-Timothy Norwood
2nd-Tamika Bridges
3rd-Thomas Doney

10-12 Age Group
1st-Dertise Bridges
2nd-Natasha Bridges
3rd-Joshua Soles

Photos from the Black Gold Jubilee



Local entertainers drew a steady crowd to the Lakeside Concert Stage at the 2000 Jubilee.

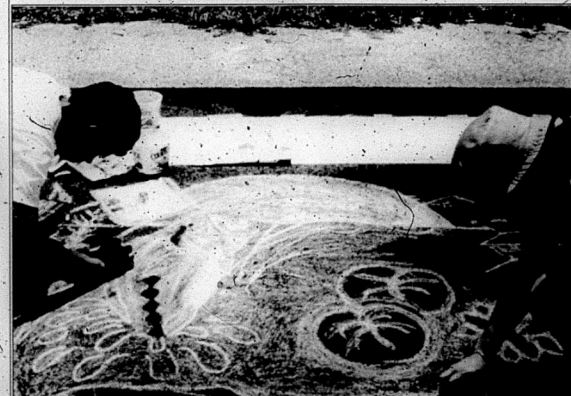


The Canaanland Gospel Group out of West Palm Beach entertained the crowd with favorites such as "Amazing Grace."

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Wearing their shades are Glades General Hospital employees (from left) Liza Calderon, Maria Pozo and Maria I. Pozo.



Colorful Street Painting was done by members of the Glades Day School Elementary Art Group. Shown are Jesus Aleman and Betty Ruiz, teacher.



We just came to relax...Mirtez and William Pearlman and Ron and Marela Landry of Ft. Lauderdale usually ride their motorcycles to the Jubilee. This year, because of the chance of rain, they came by car.



Greade York points to her winning entry in the Black Gold Photography Contest titled "Be Still and Know That I am God".



Master of Ceremonies Greg Jones dances behind the scenes.



1999 Harvest Queen Miss Donna Dixon is shown performing during the dance routine at the 2000 Jubilee. We inadvertently ran the wrong photo last week in the box intended for Miss Dixon's picture as last year's queen. We apologize for the error.



Singing with attitude. Holly Rene of Pahokee belts out a tune.



Harya Miller sang several selections for Jubilee attendees.



Emily Cavinee wowed the crowd with "Crazy" and other hits.



The three-legged race was fun for children's activities.

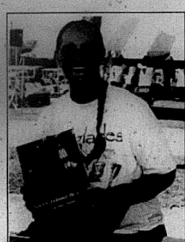
Jubilee 'Reflections of the Glades'



First Community Bank won Best Theme Entry for their float, titled "Reflections of the Glades."



The 2000 Harvest Queen and her court...From left, First Runner Up Emily Suzanne Reese, Harvest Queen Heather Elizabeth Rice and Second Runner Up Summer Lyn Miller. Not shown is Miss Congeniality, Vanessa Marie Horta.



Glades artist and now author, Ann Tyler photographed and sold her first book, titled "Torry Island Boy of the Everglades"



Good ol' messy fun...This young fellow seemed to have a great time during the Muck Eating Contest.



The Eagle Academy won for Best marching Entry in Saturday's Black Gold Jubilee Parade.

Jubilee photos by Brenda Bunting and Tracy Whirls



Vanessa Horta sings for the crowd.



Nicole Niles and the Pearl River Band were special guests of the Bellamy Brothers.



Tracy Mikell sings "Why Haven't I Heard From You" and other upbeat songs.



Mona King sang several gospel selections for the crowd.



These young dancers with the Denim and Lace dancing team were apparently worn out after performing for the Jubilee crowd on Saturday.



for the parents as well as the kids during the many chil-



Children were drawn to Yvonne Jones as she cranked out bubbles for them.



It's a long way to the top of the Rock Climbing Wall. This event was sponsored for the second year in a row by the Belle Glade Rotary Club.

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